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## NOTICES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

We have received a letter from Banbury, concerning the alleged discovery of old books at Wilcott, Oxon, mentioned in the *BOOKSELLERS' RECORD* of November 19th. As the statement was supplied to us by a contributor, we have caused inquiries to be made with the view of clearing the matter up, and hope to be able to give a full explanation of the facts in our next issue, when the Banbury letter can also appear.

## HISTORIES OF PUBLISHING HOUSES.

**THE FIRST** of our promised Series of *Histories of Publishing Houses* will appear in the *CRITIC* of January 7th, and will be "A HISTORY of the HOUSE of MURRAY," accompanied by an excellent **PORTRAIT** of the late **JOHN MURRAY**.

\* \* Orders for this Number should be sent in on as early a day as possible.

**WE HAVE BEEN MUCH AMUSED** by an article on Literature and Criticism, which appears in the current number of a young and not unpromising magazine, the *Universal Review*. It opens with a great display of apparent learning, research, and philosophy; but we have not to read long to discover that these are merely thrown in to give a sort of weight to what follows, and that the "serious business" of the paper is to make an onslaught on critics and publishers. With the portion of the attack which refers to critics we have, of course, very little to do in these columns; but the assault on "the Trade" invites some notice and comment. Indeed, in the opinion of the *Universal Review*, the critic is quite a subordinate person to the publisher. He is a mere hireling, or a writer forced to consult at every turn the feelings and interests of publishers. If contemporary criticism is hasty, inaccurate, partial, and venal, the publisher, according to the *Universal Review*, is responsible; it is "the Trade" that has done it all.

The *Universal Reviewer* opens his general attack on publishers with a special one on the proprietors of reviews and magazines, in order to defend his own position that "the chief delinquents are those commercial speculators who give employment to the author, and who decide, directly or indirectly, on the critical treatment which a new work is to receive." He asks his readers to "run over the names of the leading organs of criticism, and inquire whose property they are." It will be found, we are told, that "in almost every instance, they belong to men who have an interest in every now and then falsifying the voice of criticism"; and, to prevent mistakes of application, the *Reviewer* adds: "The two principal quarterly reviews represent not only the interests of literature, but also the interests of two great publishing houses, the receipts of which their sale materially contributes to swell." A similar allusion is made to the proprietors of *Blackwood* and *Fraser*, and the hint follows that "every now and then" the proprietary of these periodicals procure the insertion in them of puffs of books published by themselves which have no legitimate claim to notice. Now, as far as our own experience goes, and we believe we shall be supported by the opinion of our readers connected with the "Trade," it is truly surprising how carefully our leading reviews and magazines avoid criticism on really notable works published by their proprietors. This is a question of fact. Instead of vague indications of imaginary cases "where a great personal interest makes him" (the proprietor of a periodical who is at the same time a publisher) "disregard the scruples of honour," we ought to have had a distinct mention of at least one worthless work, an attempt to puff which into notoriety had been made in the way suggested. Surely, the *Universal Reviewer* cannot mean to maintain that a work of merit is never to be reviewed in a periodical when the publisher of

the work is also the publisher of the periodical. Is Lord Macaulay's "History of England" not to be mentioned in the *Edinburgh*, or Dr. Smiles's "Life of George Stephenson" in the *Quarterly*, because the Messrs. Longman in the one case, and Mr. Murray in the other, publish both book and periodical? If this is what the reviewer means, then all we can say is, the practice of the periodical in which he himself writes runs counter to his theory. On the title-page of the *Universal Review* we find the names of Messrs. W. H. Allen and Co., a very respectable and honourable firm, as its publishers. Turning to the closing article of the current number on Sir Henry Lawrence, we find some high praises bestowed on his "Essays, Military and Political," which have recently made their appearance, and of which the publishers are also Messrs. W. H. Allen and Co!

In truth, we fear that the *Universal Reviewer's* experience of "the Trade," as well as of critics, has been confined to the lower classes of both. That there are bribing publishers, as well as unscrupulous critics, we of course do not mean to deny. Every trade and profession has its black sheep; but the *Universal Reviewer* displays a familiarity with exceptional publishers and exceptional critics which, taken in connection with his evident want of acquaintance with the higher representatives of both classes, is extremely suspicious. Thus we have statements like the following:

Review-writers in journals that have for some time been fluctuating between moderate prosperity and bankruptcy know well a certain formal note, that is wont to accompany a new lot of books sent forth by a publisher who has been of late rather sharply treated: "The editor presents his compliments to Mr. —, and hopes that he will speak as kindly of the inclosed works as he can with honesty."

We must defer to the *Universal Reviewer's* knowledge of "journals that have for some time been fluctuating between moderate prosperity and bankruptcy;" but we may express our surprise that the relations between publishers and editors should be generalised from such an experience. The *Universal Reviewer* seems to be unlucky in his literary and "trade" acquaintances. A little further on, we are told:

We remember hearing a publisher expostulate with an editor, because an edition of Greek and Latin classics, comprising about a dozen volumes, and containing thousands of new readings and annotations, had not been noticed, although six weeks had passed over since their publication. We came to the editor's relief, and said that no man could review the edition properly till he had them (*sic*) by him for six months. "Sir," responded the publisher, with instructive candour, "I don't want them *properly* reviewed, I only want something to put into my advertisements."

This unfortunate editor, who required the *Universal Reviewer's* kind assistance in the discussion with the publisher, was, we presume, a conductor of one of that class of journals with which the *Reviewer* appears to be so familiar—"journals that have for some time been fluctuating between prosperity and bankruptcy!"

It was not until we reached the close of the article that the secret of the *animus* displayed in it was revealed. The papers in the *Universal Review* are generally anonymous; but in this case the initials "J. C. J." figure at the end of the diatribe against publishers and critics. They suit exactly the Christian names and surname of a gentleman who published about a year and a half ago a work entitled "Novels and Novelists." It seems odd to find "J. C. J." declaiming in his peroration against contemporary criticism for fostering in literature "defects of accuracy, style, and taste," when we remember that in "Novels and

Novelists" he represented Sir Edward Bulwer Lytton's baronetcy as "simply an acknowledgment of his political services to Sir Robert Peel"! and spoke thus of the impression produced by the appearance of Mr. Thackeray's wicked "Vanity Fair":

Men read those much-abused yellow pamphlets that came out month after month; and strong men, not given to emotion, least of all to religious excitement, laid them down with tearful eyes and full hearts; and they were not a few who prayed earnestly to the Almighty for mercy and help, and rose from their knees with a determination to be men of charity.

At the time of its publication, the critics spoke freely of "the defects of accuracy, style, and taste," which marked "Novels and Novelists," and their verdict may have re-acted on publishers. Hence, perhaps, the animosity displayed by "J. C. J." against both classes in the new number of the *Universal Review*.

#### BOOKS AND BOOKSELLING, &c.

[Publishers and Booksellers who have facts or announcements which they may wish to appear in this department of the *BOOKSELLERS' RECORD AND TRADE CIRCULAR* will oblige by forwarding them (if possible, not later than Thursday) to the office, 19, Wellington-street North, Strand, W.C.]

MR. FARRAR'S (the author of "Eric") new book is to be entitled "Julian Home: a Tale of College Life."

DARWIN'S WORK on "The Origin of Species" is reprinting. The first edition was sold within a fortnight of publication.

MESSRS. SMITH AND ELDER wish us to state that "Schleiermacher's Life" is unavoidably delayed until the 1st of January.

HOLME LEE.—We believe that the lady who has written several popular books under cover of the above name is Miss Parr, a Yorkshire lady.

MR. BOHN has in the press a companion volume to his "Dictionary of Latin Quotations." It comprises quotations from modern foreign languages.

MR. LATARD has returned from his Italian tour, and is preparing for the press a pamphlet on the Italian question.

MR. W. H. RUSSELL, the *Times* correspondent, is said to have received from the Messrs. Routledge 1500*l.* for his Indian Diary.

CORNHILL MAGAZINE.—It is said that the first order given to the printers by the publishers of the *Cornhill Magazine* was for 60,000 copies.

A NEW MONTHLY MAGAZINE is to be started on January the first. It is entitled *Pastime*, and will be much after the manner of the *Family Friend*—a publication that has "had its day."

A NEW MONTHLY MAGAZINE is to be started with the new year, devoted to an analytical account of the Scriptures. The title is to be *The Interpreter*, and the price is fixed at twopenny.

DR. SMILES has peers following in his wake. The Earl of Airlie delivered a lecture on Wednesday last at Kirriemuir, and his subject was "The Life of George Stephenson."

WE HEAR THAT MR. MAXWELL (the proprietor of *The Welcome Guest*), and Mr. Frederick Vizetelly are projecting a new Illustrated Paper, to be published in the beginning of the new year. It is, we hear, to be similar to the *Illustrated Times*.

ORR'S CIRCLE OF THE SCIENCES.—Messrs. Southgate and Barrett have received instructions to sell by auction, on Friday next, in one lot, the entire remainder stock, stereotype plates, wood-blocks, and copyright of this valuable work.

MR. JOHN KENDRICK.—We are sorry to have to record the death of Mr. Kendrick, the well-known bookseller of Ludgate-hill and St. Paul's Church-yard, which took place at his residence, on Wednesday, December 14*th*.

THE REV. MR. MAURICE is not silent amid the din of arms and volunteer rifle corps. Messrs. Macmillan and Co., of Cambridge, are about to publish a sermon by him, with the title, "War, how to prepare ourselves for it."

M. GUIZOT is giving the last touch to the third volume of his "Memoirs," so that we may expect it before very long in the English translation, previous volumes of which have appeared contemporaneously with the French original.

THE "CATHOLIC PUBLISHING AND BOOKSELLING COMPANY, LIMITED," is bringing out in fortnightly numbers, at a very low price, old William Cobbett's History of the Protestant Reformation in England and Ireland, to show "how that event has impoverished the main body of the people in these countries."

MR. CHRISTOPHER DRESSER, the Lecturer on Botany to the Department of Science and Art of the Privy Council for Education, South Kensington Museum, has been presented with the degree of Doctor of Philosophy, for his discoveries in botany, by the University of Jena.

DR. SMILES'S "SELF-HELP."—Several booksellers complain to us that they are unable to get their supplies of "Self-Help," ordered previous to Mr. Murray's sale. We have made inquiries, and find that the whole of the first edition was sold during the week it

was published; consequently, until the new edition is ready, which we hear will be shortly, the "Row" is quite out of them.

MR. NEWBY AND THE ADAM BEDE SEQUEL.—We hear that Mr. Newby has decided that it is better, "under existing circumstances," not to publish "Adam Bede, Junior, a Sequel." We see that Mr. Newby announces "Honesty is the Best Policy," in two volumes.

MESSRS. LONGMAN will publish the 3rd and 4th volumes of "Brialmont's Life of the Duke of Wellington" on Friday next. These volumes take up the history of the Duke from the battle of Waterloo, and represent him as an ambassador, as a minister, and as a citizen.

THE VALUABLE LIBRARY OF THE LATE MR. JAMES HUDSON, who was so many years secretary of the Royal Agricultural Society, is about to be sold by auction. It contains many of the most able scientific treatises on agriculture in all languages, some of which we shall specify in our next week's number.

IT APPEARS that there are two Histories of Hampshire preparing—one by Mr. Woodward, which is to be published in parts, and will, when finished, form three quarto volumes; and the other is said to be by Sir Frederick Madden, the head of the manuscript department of the British Museum.

MR. ROBERT SCOTT BURN, the well-known writer on agricultural subjects, is engaged in conjunction with Messrs. William Blackwood and Sons in preparing a work in which will be recorded all inventions, improvements, and facts connected with agriculture. This will be published annually, and is to be entitled "The Year Book of Agricultural Facts." The first volume will be ready in January.

CHAMBERS'S JOURNAL.—We intimated last week that the Messrs. Chambers would inaugurate the 29th year of the existence of their journal, by bringing out in its columns with 1860 a "Tale of Modern English Life," to extend through several months. Its title is to be "The Bateman Household, and what became of them," and the author is Mr. James Payn, who succeeded Mr. Leitch Ritchie as the editor of *Chambers's*.

M. JACQUOT, who calls himself Eugène de Mirecourt, the too notorious biographer of contemporaries, has exchanged Paris for London as a residence. Since he became a denizen of the great metropolis he has published a biography of Napoleon III., which is to be followed by sketches of Victor Hugo, M. de Morny, and Louis Veuillot of the *Univers*.

THE AUTHOR OF WHITEFRIARS, &c.—The title of the new novel by this popular writer is "The Irish Brigadesman." It is a tale of the war of the Spanish Succession in the reign of Queen Anne. The hero is said to be the celebrated Charles Mordaunt, Earl of Peterborough, whose name often figures in history, but as yet, we believe, quite new in romance. [Is not this the title and subject of a novel that appeared in one of the Irish Magazines?—ED.]

TWO NEW WORKS ON SHAKESPEARE are announced. The first, to be published next week by Messrs. Chapman and Hall, is entitled "The Mind of Shakespeare, as exhibited in his Works," by the Rev. Aaron Augustus Morgan, M.A., St. John's College, Cambridge. The other, to be shortly published by Mr. Bentley, is "An Enquiry into Modern Additions to Shaksperian Literature." By N.E.S.A. Hamilton.

CHISWICK AND HAMMERSMITH are to have an historian in the person of Mr. J. H. James, of the Middle Temple. Mr. W. Johnson, of St. Martin's-lane, is to publish for the author "Memorials of Chiswick and Hammersmith, Poetic, Historic, Epitaphian, and Heraldic." The profits of the first edition will be given to the various schools and institutions in the two parishes, and the dedication of the work has been accepted by the philanthropic Earl of Carlisle.

TO PROFESSOR CRAIK, the author of the "Pursuit of Knowledge under Difficulties" and many other excellent works, and to Mr. Veitch, one of the editors of Sir William Hamilton's works, are to be added two new candidates for the chair of Logic at St. Andrew's, vacant by the death of Professor Spalding. One is Mr. Alexander Bain, the author of the "Emotions and the Will;" the other is a son of the late Professor Nichol, of Glasgow, and the writer of the article on "Tennyson" in the last number of the *Westminster*.

"SIR JOHN HERSCHEL," says a contemporary, "has deposited with the Astronomical Society three manuscript volumes of observations of the solar spots, made by the late M. Pastorff. These volumes were originally presented by the author to Sir John Herschel. They are now transferred to the society, on the understanding that they shall be considered as belonging to Sir John Herschel during his lifetime; but after his decease shall become the property of the society. In the mean time, Fellows of the society interested in the subject of those observations will always have the opportunity of consulting them."

MESSRS. LONGMANS announce among their scientific works in preparation, an English translation, under the author's superintendence, of "The Sea and its Living Wonders," a popular work on natural history recently published, from the pen of the eminent German

naturalist, Dr. George Hartwig, which has already reached a fourth edition. The same firm will also publish, next spring, a new work entitled "The Chemistry of the Sea Shore," by the author of "The Chemistry of Creation;" and they are publishing in parts a new edition of Dr. Ure's "Dictionary of Chemistry," entirely revised, and for the most part rewritten, bringing the knowledge of the science up to the most recent discoveries, with especial application to the requirements of manufacturers, by Henry Watts, B.A., F.C.S., Editor of the *Quarterly Journal of the Chemical Society*.

MACMILLAN'S MAGAZINE.—"The Sea, Dreams, an Idyll," which, as we announced last week, Mr. Tennyson is to contribute to the January number of *Macmillan's Magazine*, and for which he is to receive 250 guineas, will not, it is said, exceed 100 lines. 250 guineas for 100 lines! It is something for a penny-a-liner to meditate on. For his "Grandmother's Apology," published in *Once a Week*, the Poet Laureate, it will be remembered, received only 100*l.* Apropos of the *Cornhill Magazine* we must cease to consider the last day of the month "magazine-day;" Messrs. Smith, Elder and Co. announce theirs for the 23rd inst.

THE FIRST NUMBER OF THE "CORNHILL MAGAZINE" will contain not only the opening of a tale by Mr. Thackeray, but also the first of a series of essays by the same pen, the latter to be entitled "The Roundabout Papers." The tale will be illustrated by Mr. Thackeray himself. The same number will also contain an article on Rifle Clubs by Sir John Burgoyne, and another on Animal Life by Mr. G. H. Lewes. As a great deal has been said about the unusually high rate of payment to authors offered by the projectors in starting the publication, it should be observed that in all cases the publishers claim an entire ownership in the copyright, and reserve to themselves the sole and undivided right of republication; so that in effect they not only get their magazine, but a number of valuable copyrights in the bargain. According to the usual custom of periodicals of this kind, the right of republication is considered to remain jointly in the proprietor and in the author; but the practice generally is for the former to make a cession of his claim to any share of the profits in favour of the author.

BLACKWOOD'S MAGAZINE for December has attained an honour rarely conferred on a monthly periodical—it has reached a second edition. The cause is to be found in its very stirring article on the operations in the Peiho, which report assigns to the pen of Captain Sherard Osborne, the author, it need scarcely be said, of the "Cruise in Japanese Waters." The Messrs. Blackwood were expected to make a hit with their approaching publication of Mr. Oliphant's account of Lord Elgin's Mission; and the result is likely to exceed even their most sanguine anticipations. Its sale, probably, will only fall short of that of Captain McIntock's Journal.

MR. PETER BAYNE, the editor of the *Edinburgh Witness*, has been appointed the editor of the *Dial*. Mr. Bayne is the author of various essays, on literary and other subjects, and which seem to have met with more appreciation in the United States than in Great Britain. We may add, that the *Witness* and *Edinburgh Evening Courant* are both said to be making arrangements for daily publication at a penny. It is reported that another Edinburgh paper, the *Scottish Press*, is to be published three times a week, also at a penny. The Rev. Mr. Buchanan, who has edited the *Ayr Observer* for nearly three years, is to be the editor of the *Courant* under the new arrangement.

THE "LEADER" NEWSPAPER is about to change its entire form. On and after the 7th of January it will assume more of the tone and character of a magazine, and will be called *The Leader and Saturday Analyst*. It will consist entirely of original articles, analysing the current events in politics, literature, science, and the fine arts. In their address the managers say: "The new career thus designed for the *Leader* is, indeed, only carrying out to the extreme its original intention of treating intellectually all public and social matters. The abandonment of the mere news, and the substitution of a copious set of original articles, will, it is hoped, not be displeasing either to its old subscribers or its new readers; for, being news-crammed by the daily papers, it is anticipated that they must prefer to the unavoidably stale intelligence able commentary and powerful elucidation of the topics of the week."

MR. FAIRHOLT, the artist and antiquary, is at the sea-side for the benefit of his health, but, notwithstanding his indisposition, has just produced an interesting little volume on the Giants, who, generations ago, were believed to guard our cities and all the inhabitants, brave and fair, who journeyed within their walls. As may be imagined, Gog and Magog receive considerable attention. The little volume contains several curious illustrations by the author. It may be remembered, perhaps, that some months ago Mr. Fairholt delivered a lecture in Guildhall on those civic wooden celebrities which, in olden times, were the bugbears before whom all naughty children were brought by their nurses. The lecture at the time attracted considerable attention amongst London antiquarians. Mr. Hotten, of Piccadilly, publishes the work.



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**POPE.**—It may not be generally known to the students of Pope, of whom there are a great number, and to the editors of the Twickenham bard, of whom there are also a considerable number—what poet, except Shakespeare, has had so many?—that the poetical library of the late Rev. John Mitford, shortly to come to the hammer, contains a great many curious printed pieces, many of which are, perhaps, to be found in no other private collection, illustrative of the works and literary squabbles of the author of the "Dunciad." Mr. Mitford was especially proud of this part of his collection, and we believe exhibited it to but few of those industrious seekers who have long been looking after fresh matter to illustrate the literary history of this period. Can it be that the editor of Mr. Murray's very long "forthcoming edition of Pope" is waiting for this?

**ALLEGED DISCOVERY OF OLD BOOKS NEAR BANBURY.**—We have received a letter signed "W. Burston, Banbury," complaining that, in consequence of a statement which was made in the BOOKSELLERS' RECORD of November the 19th, as to the discovery of some old books at Welscott, near Banbury, he visited that place, accompanied by a gentleman who had travelled from Bristol for the purpose, but could find no trace of either the house in repair, or the books, or any of the persons named in the paragraph. On inquiring into the matter we find that the paragraph was specially supplied by a correspondent, and was inserted in the faith which such circumstantiality naturally inspired. Our correspondent alleges that he received the information from a relative in Oxford, and that he is now making further inquiries into the matter. For our part we are sorry that Mr. Burston and the Bristol gentleman should have been betrayed into a fruitless errand through our means, and we will use our best endeavours to have this mystery cleared up.

**IN RE LUKE ELCOATE.**—In the Insolvent Debtors' Court on Wednesday, Mr. Bicker Caarten applied on the part of the churchwardens of St. Bride's, in the matter of Luke Elcoate, who was in partnership with John Kemble Chapman, as printers, &c., in Fountain-court, Shoe-lane, for possession of their house under peculiar circumstances. Some years ago the parish of St. Bride's granted Messrs. Chapman and Elcoate a lease, and there remained nine years unexpired. Mr. Elcoate petitioned under the Act, and Mr. Chapman died. It appeared that considerable repairs were now required to be done before the parish could make the property available. Mrs. Chapman, as executrix of her late husband, had executed a surrender; and the object of the present application was to get the official assignee of the court to execute a surrender to the parish of the unexpired interest, and then the property might be repaired and made available. The learned counsel said the difficulty in the case was this: the lease was in the possession of the parish officers, and the best course would be to hand it into court, and then the officer could be applied to on the subject. It was arranged that the lease should be brought into court, and that the parish should apply for its return, on the ground that it was of "no value" to the creditors of Elcoate.

**A FIRE BROKE OUT** last Wednesday week in No. 19, Rockingham-street, Leeds, tenanted by Mr. Nelson, as the local agent of Messrs. A. Fullarton and Co., publishers, Glasgow. The flames were soon extinguished, but not before very serious damage had been done to the house and book stock. Mr. Nelson and his children, eight in number, had to escape from the back part of the premises, all in their night dresses. The damage done to the valuable books, periodicals, and the house, is estimated at about 800*l*; the stock, it is understood, not being covered by insurance. On Tuesday morning, between two and three o'clock, a fire broke out in the great warehouses belonging to the firm of Messrs. Rock, Brothers, and Co., manufacturing, wholesale, and export stationers, situate at No. 11, Walbrook, nearly facing St. Stephen's church. With all possible expedition engines were in attendance; but before the firemen had time to get their engines into full working order the fire had seized upon the stock of paper. The Messrs. Rock's warehouses are described by Mr. Braidwood, in his official report, as being, together with the contents, nearly destroyed. The contents were insured in the Sun, Royal Exchange, and Globe fire offices. The cause of the fire was described as being unknown.

### TRADE CHANGES.

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**PARTNERSHIPS DISSOLVED.**—J. Thornburn and C. W. West, Pleydell-street, Fleet-st., bookbinders.

**DECLARATIONS OF DIVIDENDS.**—G. Dewing, Bath-street, Newgate street, City, printer—first div. of 7*d*. on Wednesday, Dec. 14, and following Wednesday, at Mr. Lee's, Aldermanbury.—A. Hinchcliffe, Sheffield, printer—first div. of 5*s*. any Tuesday, at Mr. Brewin's, Sheffield.

**SCOTCH SEQUESTRATIONS.**—J. S. Lang, Glasgow, publisher, Dec. 16, at 11 o'clock, at the Procurators' Hall, Glasgow.

### CORRESPONDENCE.

**SIR,**—A paragraph appeared in your last number stating that we are retiring from business. As this report is calculated to do us considerable injury, we must request you to give it an entire contradiction. The only foundation for the statements in that paragraph is the fact that it is our intention to sell a large portion of our valuable stock of topographical and other works early in the ensuing year.—We are Sir, yours, &c. NICHOLS AND SONS. 25, Parliament-street, Dec. 14, 1859.

### THE WOMAN IN WHITE.

**SIR,**—My attention has just been called to a paragraph in your BOOKSELLERS' RECORD for the 3rd of this month, which refers to me, and which I beg your permission to correct in one particular.

The paragraph in question, after stating that I have begun my new serial story—"The Woman in White"—in the columns of *All the Year Round*, adds to that announcement the following sentence: "Some expressions in the brief preface have occasioned the surmise that he (Mr. Wilkie Collins) is, in certain portions of it, to be assisted by the pen of Mr. Charles Dickens."

I beg to assure you that any surmise of this sort is founded on misapprehension of the facts. The idea of "The Woman in White," and of the peculiar narrative form under which the story is to be presented, is wholly and entirely my own. All the characters are of my painting, and all the incidents of my inventing. Not a line or word of "The Woman in White" will be written, from beginning to end, by any other hand than mine.

Trusting that you will publish this letter in your next number, in justice to Mr. Dickens, as well as in justice to myself—I am, Sir, yours, &c. WILKIE COLLINS. Dec. 14, 1859.

[We willingly insert Mr. Collins's communication, but we do not find in our original statement anything to correct. The wording of Mr. Collins's introduction to "The Woman in White" did occasion the "surmise" referred to: on its accuracy, however, we expressed no opinion.—Ed.]

### UNDERSELLERS' ADVERTISEMENTS.

**SIR,**—I am rejoiced to see the spirited and determined letter of a "Portsmouth Bookseller" in your columns of last week's number. This is laying the axe at the root of the evil; and if the booksellers throughout the country will only adopt the simple plan suggested, it will, indeed, go a good way towards remedying the evil of which we have now so much cause to complain.

I shall adopt it, at whatever inconvenience the going through 450 magazines each month may occasion. It will be counteracting an evil on one hand, and advertising my own business on the other.

Pray go on in your laudable endeavour to be the organ of a large section of the community.—I am, Sir, yours, &c. A BOOKSELLER OF TEN YEARS' STANDING.

### BOOKS WANTED TO PURCHASE.

[Booksellers and others forwarding lists of books for gratuitous insertion in this department of THE BOOKSELLERS' RECORD will please to add their full name and address.]

By Messrs. H. and A. BULT, 25, New Quebec-street, Portman-square, W.

Kugler's Handbook of the Flemish Schools of Painting, translated by Sir Charles Eastlake.

By Mr. F. J. WILLIAMS, 19, Conduit-street, Westbourne-terrace.

Remarks on the Condition of Hunters, the Choice of Horses, and their Management, by Nimrod. Pittman, 1837.

By Mr. C. J. SKEET, 10, King William-street, W.C. Stones of Scotland. Published by the Spalding Club.

Common Prayer. Folio. 1636.

Clans of Scotland. 4to. 1850.

Harrison's Novelists' Magazine. 23 vols.

Percy Society Publications. A set.

Smollett's Works by Moore. 8 vols. 8vo. Preferred uncut.

Dodsley's Old Plays. Last edition.

By C. F. BLACKBURN, Leamington.

Quarterly Review. Nos. 79 and 80.

Last Index to the Edinburgh Review.

### BOOKS FORTHCOMING.

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**MR. MURRAY** announces as nearly ready:

Harmonies of Political Economy. By Frederick Bastiat. Translated from the French, with a notice of his Life and Writings, by Patrick James Stirling, F.R.S.E., author of "The Philosophy of Trade," "The Gold Discoveries and their Probable Consequences," &c.

**MESSRS. CHAPMAN and HALL** have nearly ready for publication:

Fables and Fairy Tales. By Henry Morley. Illustrated by Charles Bennett.

The Mind of Shakespeare, as exhibited in his Works.

By the Rev. Aaron Augustus Morgan, M.A., St. John's College, Cambridge.

Elfie in Sicily. In 2 vols. post 8vo.

**MESSRS. A. and C. BLACK** have nearly ready:

Julian Home: a tale of College Life. By the Rev. Frederick W. Farrar, Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge; author of "Eric, or Little by Little."

**MR. BENTLEY** announces as just ready:

An Enquiry into Modern Additions to Shaksperian Literature. By N. E. S. A. Hamilton. With facsimiles.

Jean and Nicolette; or, Truth Answers Best. By the author of "Moravian Life in the Black Forest," Leonore; and the Little Countess. By the Author of "The Myrtle and the Heather."

**MESSRS. BELL and DALD** announce immediately:

Poetry for Play-Hours. By Gerda Fay.

The Giant's Arrows: a Book meant for the Children of Working People. By the Rev. J. Erskine Clarke.

The Life of Joseph. Written in simple Language, by Mrs. Motherly.

**MESSRS. WILLIAM BLACKWOOD and SONS** announce that in January they will publish:

The Year-Book of Agricultural Facts. Edited by Robert Scott Burn. (To be published annually.)

**MESSRS. HURST and BLACKETT** have in the Press:

Lectures on Art, Literature, and Social Science. By Cardinal Wiseman. In one vol.

A Journey on a Plank from Kiev to Eaux-Bonnes. By Lady Charlotte Pepys, Author of "Female Influence."

**MESSRS. ROUTLEDGE and CO.** announce:

A Christmas Hamper. By Mark Lemon, Esq., Editor of *Punch*.

Rights and Wrongs: a Manual of Household Law. By Albany Fonblanque, Esq., author of "How we are Governed," &c.

Riddles and Jokes. By Edmund Russel. Being a complete collection of Riddles, Enigmas, Charades, Puzzles, Jokes, &c. Illustrated by Harvey, McConnell, &c.

**MR. NEWBY** announces:

Honesty is the Best Policy. By Mrs. Augustus Peel.

### REPORT OF SALES BY AUCTION.

BY MR. CHARLES WISBEY, at Cambridge, on the 14th inst., the copyright of the *Eastern Counties Gazette* (published at St. Ives, Hunts), with the plant, type, machine, steam-engine, &c. The highest bidding was 600*l*., at which price the property was bought in.

### COMING SALES BY AUCTION.

[Auctioneers wishing to have their coming sales noted in this column will oblige by forwarding early intimations and early copies of catalogues, &c.]

**MR. J. C. STEVENS** will include in his sale on Saturday, December 17, by order of the executors of H. Verri re, Esq., some valuable works on Conchology, including Kieners, *Sp cies g n ral et l conographie des Coquilles Vivantes*, 9 vols., coloured plates; *De Ferrussar et Deshayes, Histoire g n rale et particuli re des Mollusques*, 2 vols. and atlas; 2 vols. of coloured plates, and other choice works, and three first-rate mahogany cabinets, suitable for shells, minerals, and other objects of natural history.

**MESSRS. PUTTICK and SIMPSON** will sell at their premises, 47, Leicester-square, on Tuesday, Dec. 20, the valuable and extensive library of the late James Hudson, Esq., many in fine bindings, comprising the works of the best English and foreign authors, in most branches of literature; fine pictorial works; *Mus e Fran ais* and *Mus e Royal*, 6 vols.; *Galerie du Palais Pitti*, 4 vols.; *Galerie du Palais Royal*, 4 vols.; *Mus e Napol on*, 10 vols.; the Portrait Galleries of Knight, Lodge, and others; scientific works, particularly in relation to chemistry and agriculture in various languages, &c.

**MESSRS. PUTTICK and SIMPSON** will sell at their premises, 47, Leicester square, on Monday, Dec. 19, a collection of musical instruments, consigned from various private hands, and including numerous pianofortes by modern makers, a first-rate horizontal grand by Collard, seraphine, very recent harps, by Erard, violins and violoncellos of high quality.

**MESSRS. PUTTICK and SIMPSON** will sell at their premises, 47, Leicester-square, on Tuesday, Dec. 20, and following days, a miscellaneous collection of books, the library of the late Bishop of Antigua, and selections from various private libraries.

**MESSRS. SOUTHGATE and BARRETT** will sell, at their rooms, 22, Fleet-street, on Friday, December 23, in one lot, the entire remaining

stock, stereotype plates, wood blocks, and copyrights, of that well-known and established series of publications, known as "Orr's Circle of the Sciences, 9 vols. 8vo. and which also form a series of twenty-eight separate treatises. These works have established for themselves a world-wide reputation, and now form a series of hand-books in our various colleges and schools.

MESSRS. SOUTHGATE and BARRETT will sell, at their rooms, 22 Fleet-street, on Monday, Dec. 19, and following days, at one o'clock, the large stock of books, in quires, boards, and bound, as well as the stereotype plates and copyrights, belonging to the well-known and highly-respected publishing house of Messrs. Darton and Co., who are relinquishing the country trade.

MESSRS. FORSTER have been directed by Sir Thomas Tobin, who is going abroad, to sell by auction, at the Gallery, 54, Pall-mall, on Tuesday, Dec. 20, his excellent library.

MESSRS. RUSHWORTH and JARVIS will sell at 60, Elgin-crescent, Notting-hill, on December 22, a small library of standard books.

### FOREIGN BOOKS, BOOKSELLING, &c.

**FRANCE.**—The two concluding volumes of M. Dargand's "Histoire de la Liberté religieuse en France," which have made such a flutter in certain circles, have just been added to the "Bibliothèque Charpentier."

M. BIGNAN, the author of a complete translation of Homer, has published, in French verse, selections from Lucan's "Pharsalia."

M. SAINTE-BEUVE has published at last the two concluding volumes (the 4th and 5th) of his masterly and classical work, the "Histoire du Port Royal."

M. HAUREAU, the learned continuer of the "Gallia Christiana," has recently given to the world a very illuminative work on the writings of the mediæval mystic, Hugues de St. Victor. It is warmly praised by Ernest Régnan, a competent judge, in the *Journal des Débats*.

THE ARCHEOLOGY of ALGERIA seems to be earnestly engaging the attention of French savants. Two works on the subject, general and special, have lately appeared. One is by a member of the Institute, Léon Renier, "Recueil d'Inscriptions Romaines en Algérie;" the other, by the Professor of Hebrew at the Sorbonne, the Abbé Bayée, "Tlemcen," is printed in small numbers, chiefly for distribution among friends.

MASSIMO D'AZEGLIO, the celebrated Italian statesman, author and artist, has recently published in Paris, and in French, a work entitled "La Politique du droit Chrétien, au point de vue de la question Italienne." D'Azeglio's theory is that, whereas Christianity has penetrated the social, intellectual, and religious life of nations, the sphere of politics is still left a prey to Paganism and the ruling principles thereof, violence, conquest, and slavery. Hence our present complications.

FROM AUGUSTE VATON, the Paris publisher, we have two works of some mark and likelihood. One is "Mme. de Schwetshine, sa vie et ses œuvres," by the ever-prominent politician of the Montalembert school, the Count de Falloux. The work contains various interesting letters from the late Alexis de Tocqueville to the female social notability from whom the volume derives its name. The same publisher issues, in French, the works of Donoso Cortes, the celebrated Spanish publicist, who was personally as well as intellectually known in Paris, where he was for some time resident as Minister of Spain.

M. EDMUND ABOUT, the author of the famous "Question Romaine," has twice lately tried his hand at the drama. His first dramatic work, entitled "L'Education d'un Prince," was inadmissible, as clearly it could never have passed the censorship. M. About has been more fortunate with his latest venture, a comedy in five acts, entitled "Une Impasse" (said to be founded on a novel of Charles de Bernard), and which was read to and accepted by the committee of the Théâtre Français the other day. The acceptance, however, was not unanimous. There were several red balls dropped in—M. About, no doubt, would say, at the instigation of the Pope and the Jesuits!

**GERMANY.**—The son of the Daughter of England (says the Berlin correspondent of the *Daily Telegraph*), baby though he may be, has not succeeded in escaping the common fate of all individuals born upon the soil of paper-blotting Germany. Before the attainment of his first year, the royal infant has actually had a book dedicated to him. The work respectfully offered to his Highness, and the original drawings, all of which, as the publisher kindly informs us, are "in the possession of Prince Frederick William Victor Albert himself" (I hope the nurse will take care of them), consists of thirty-six first-rate woodcuts, by Herr O. Pletsch, and bears the unpretending title of "The Nursery." English mothers, I trust, will loyally provide for their children a book destined for the study of their semi-German cousin.

BROCKHAUS of LEIPZIG has lately published "Sagen aus Westphalen" (Westphalian Legends), by Adalbert Kuhn, the industrious collector of the Sagas of North Germany.

GERMAN CLASSICAL ARCHEOLOGY never flags. Here is an exhaustive account, by A. Cunze, with fac-similes, engravings, &c., of "A Tour among the Islands of the Thracian Sea" (Reisen auf den Inseln des Thrakischen Meeres, from the press of Carl Rümpler, of Hanover. The tour was a recent one, and all manner of old stones have had to yield up their semi-obliterated inscriptions to figure in Herr Cunze's pages.

JUSTUS LIEBIG, in the supplements to the *Allgemeine Zeitung*, has commenced the publication of a new series of popular letters on the subject of agricultural chemistry. They are addressed to Alderman Mechi, and contain as much instructive and lively matter as those on animal chemistry. Throughout the course of this new series, the philosophical chemist takes his illustrations not only from German, but also from English farming.

DR. L. SCHACHT, himself a teacher, has written an instructive little work on the School-system of England (Ueber das Schul-wesen Englands), embracing an account of every kind of English educational institution, from Oxford to the Ragged school. Dr. Schacht, who has studied his subject in personal observation, professes himself surprised at the little supervision exercised by the State over the majority of our educational establishments. Evidently, however, he has not visited our strictly private schools as carefully as those of a more public kind. He gravely assures his German readers that an usher in the English boarding-school of to-day has still to perform the incongruous duties assigned to him last century in a well-known passage of Goldsmith.

**AMERICA.**—There is a rumour afloat that the Harpers offered a prize for the most inane story that should be sent them during the last month. Rumour goes on to say that nineteen hundred stories competed for the prize, but the "Armistice" carried the day triumphantly.—*New York Saturday Post*.

THE "BEE" states that Hon. Charles Sumner has been offered four hundred dollars to lecture in New York, but declined.

GEN. WM. SUMNER, of East Boston, has bequeathed his library to the Sumner Library Association of that ward.

MESSRS. GOULD and LINCOLN, Boston, announce "The Life and Correspondence of the Rev. Daniel Wilson, D.D., late Bishop of Calcutta," by the Rev. Josiah Bateman.

GRACE GREENWOOD, the well-known American authoress, lectured at Tremont Temple, in Boston, Nov. 15, to an immense audience. Her subject was "The Heroic in Common Life." She spoke of the "Dress reform" movement very contemptuously.

RUFUS CHOATE.—We have mentioned in former numbers Col. G. C. Parker's "Reminiscences of Rufus Choate," published by Mason Brothers. Mr. Choate's family are, it seems, preparing a work which will furnish a complete biography, and a carefully-prepared edition of his speeches.

SHELDON and Co. have in the press a new book by Jacob Abbott, the first of a new series, called the "Florence Series;" and two reprints of English books, the "Secret History of the Austrian Government," by Alfred Michiels, and "The Gospel in Burmah," by Mrs. M. Wylie.

THE MESSRS. HARPER have commenced, in their "Weekly," the republication from *All the Year Round* of Mr. Wilkie Collins's new tale, "The Woman in White," illustrated by John McLennan. To the announcement they add what will be news to English readers. "It is believed that Mr. Collins stakes his reputation on the success of this story."

THE NEW YORK "OBSERVER" manages, or tries, to make the "best of both worlds." It contains two complete newspapers, one devoted to secular, and the other to religious matters; and these may be separated so as to make two complete journals, while (adds the prospectus) the price for both is no greater than is charged for many papers smaller than either one of the two.

ANOTHER PUBLISHING FIRM has been organised in New York, including Mr. Phinney, late of Buffalo, Blakeman and Mason, and Mr. Mitchel, a son of the distinguished astronomer, Prof. O. M. Mitchel. They have taken a store in Walker-street, just out of Broadway, and (says the *New York Observer*), bringing experience, enterprise, and tact to the business, will add largely to the publishing interest in this city.

CHARLES SCRIBNER announces as "ready for subscribers" "Diary of the American Revolution: from Whig and Tory Newspapers, and Original Documents," by Frank Moore; and to the general public, as "in the press," "The Treason of General Lee, Second in Command of the American Army during the Revolutionary War," by Mr. George H. Moore, of the New York Historical Society.

MESSRS. APPLETON and Co., among their most important announcements, have one of a work to be published by subscription only, "The Life and Writings of the Right Rev. Geo. Washington

Doane, D.D., LL.D., for twenty-seven years Bishop of New Jersey." In 5 vols. 8vo., containing his Poetical Works, Sermons, and Miscellaneous Writings; with a Memoir by his son, Wm. Crosswell Doane.

MR. EDWARD EDWARDS's "Memoirs of Libraries" is receiving a pendant in the United States. J. P. Lippincott, of Philadelphia, has just published a "Manual of Public Libraries, Institutions, and Societies in the United States and British Provinces of North America." The author is Mr. William J. Rhees, chief clerk of the Smithsonian Institution, a position which harmonises perfectly with the nature of his careful and copious volume. The statistical details given in it are particularly valuable. There need not, henceforth, be any difficulty in deciding the numbers of volumes in the many public libraries of America.

ANOTHER ATHENIAN NOVEL from the States! "We have seen," says the *Boston Semi-Weekly Courier*, "the sheets of a new novel, by the author of 'Ernest Carroll,' entitled 'Apelles and his Contemporaries.' It is to be published in a few days by Mr. Burnham. We shall not forestall the interest of the story by recapitulating the substance of it. We will only say that it is a pleasant story, pleasantly told; and that the picture the novel presents us of a brilliant period of history is a very attractive one."

MR. CHARLES FRANCIS ADAMS, a son of the well-known John Quincy Adams, formerly Minister in London, has been returned by the third district of Massachusetts as a Member of Congress. Some years ago he edited "The Letters of Mrs. Adams," and also the "Letters of John Adams addressed to his Wife," and has added to his reputation, gained through these works, by his recently-published biography of John Adams. He has been a contributor to the *North American Review*. He at one time edited a daily paper, called the *Boston Whig*, which had a short life.

MR. EVERETT, the accomplished *littérateur* and diplomatist, was to deliver his oration on Washington in the new City Hall, in Portland, on Monday evening, Dec. 5. It was to be the first time Mr. Everett had spoken in Maine for many years. The same "honourable" gentleman has presented to some ladies connected with the Washington Statue Fair, which is to be held in Boston, the notes of his remarks made in Faneuil Hall on the death of Mr. Choate. They are written in a book, which contains a picture of the subject of his eulogy. The volume will be for sale at the table of the ladies to whom the gift was made.

MESSRS. PHILLIPS, SAMPSON, AND CO.'S BANKRUPTCY.—We mentioned a fortnight ago the bankruptcy of the great Boston firm of Phillips, Sampson, and Co., and indicated the purchasers of various of their copyrights. The remainder of their property was disposed of by auction on the 15th ult. The aggregate amount of sales reached a sum above 100,000 dollars. Mr. Lee, a former partner in the firm, was a large purchaser from the immense stock of stereotype plates. He bought those of Byron for 1505 dollars, of Shakespeare for 1800, of Sir Walter Scott (poetical works) for 1300, Moore 900, Burns 1500, Milton 950, Mrs. Hemans 800, Hume's England 2700, Gibbon 2700, Lord Macaulay's History of England 1800. "Dred" was bought in for the authoress, Mrs. H. B. Stowe, for 220 dollars. Messrs. D. Appleton and Co. purchased the "Modern British Essayists" for 2920 dollars; Sheldon and Co. the *Rolls Books* (of which 127,000 copies have been sold within the last few years) for 4235 dollars. J. W. Bradley obtained the "Boston edition of Shakespeare" and Mrs. Jameson's "Characters of Women" for 3025 dollars. The auctioneers were Messrs. Joseph Lennard and Co.

MR. THACKERAY has found an American competitor in a Dr. Schmucker, the author of a work on the Court and Reign of Catherine II., and from whose pen the Messrs. Appleton have just published a book on our "Four Georges." The *Church Journal* (New York) says of it: "Dr. Schmucker's 'Four Georges' is a somewhat ambitious attempt to combine biography, history, and criticism. His aim seems to have been to gather together everything that he could find about the first four kings of the present dynasty of English sovereigns; and he has certainly collected a mass of facts, together with abundance of gossip hardly worth repeating. The Doctor's style is somewhat peculiar, occasionally quite rough, abounding in epithets and amusing alliterations, and not often rising to the dignity of history. In general, the tone of his volume is decidedly favourable to morality and religion; but here and there we notice a flippancy of expression very unbecoming in speaking of serious things: this is very marked in what he says respecting such men as Archbishops Wake, Secker, Potter, &c. The period embraced in the present volume is interesting; and, after Mr. Thackeray's bitter and almost savage exhortation of the predecessors of Queen Victoria, many people will be likely to read the present work with more than ordinary attention, if not profit."

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